

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

ANTONIO BENNETT,

Plaintiff

v.

LVNV FUNDING, LLC,

Defendant

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:24-CV-01098

(MEHALCHICK, J.)

CASE ASSIGNMENT ORDER

AND NOW, this 8th day of July, 2024, upon consideration of the complaint commencing the above-captioned civil action, which has been assigned to the undersigned,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. If service of the initial pleading cannot be made within the time required by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, counsel shall submit an appropriate motion for extension of time addressing the reasons for the delay and the court of action requested.
2. The court will issue an order setting a date and time for a mandatory case management conference in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16 and Local Rule of Court 16.1 following the filing of an answer or other responsive pleading.
3. It is essential that the answer or other responsive pleading be filed in the time provided by the Federal Rules. Counsel as well as *pro se* litigants shall not enter into agreements for extension of time without seeking court approval. Any such request shall be made by appropriate motion in conformity with the Local Rules.
4. The parties shall comply fully with Rule 26 and other provisions of the Federal Rules. Counsel shall not cease active discovery pending disposition of a motion to dismiss.
5. The Middle District of Pennsylvania has adopted Electronic Case Filing Policies and Procedures at Standing Order No. 05-6. These procedures and this order are available on the Middle District's public website, www.pamd.uscourts.gov. Counsel are to register and familiarize

themselves with the Electronic Case Filing system (ECF), as all filings are to be made using this system unless an exception is specifically authorized by the court.

6. Inquiries concerning scheduling matters, courtroom logistics, and other matters should be directed to chambers at (570) 207-5740.

BY THE COURT:

s/Karoline Mehalchick

KAROLINE MEHALCHICK
United States District Judge